

along the newly proposed right-of-way. In 1907, the residents of Cresbard finally heard the sound of a train whistle.

Although having an economy that is predominately agriculturally based, Cresbard is now considered home by several businesses including a post office, hotel/restaurant, automotive service station, and a bank. Cresbard is also home to several churches, and is viewed as a haven for hunters from October through December each year.

I am pleased to announce that Cresbard will be celebrating its centennial from June 30 to July 2. The centerpiece of this anniversary will be the all-school reunion. There are numerous other events scheduled including a car show, hot air balloon rides, 10K run, softball tournament, and street dance. These activities should serve as a reminder to the citizens of Cresbard that the community spirit is alive and well.

Mr. President, I am proud to publicly honor Cresbard on this memorable occasion. This celebration is a great way of recognizing Cresbard's long and productive history, and I am pleased that the citizens of Cresbard, past and present, are being honored and celebrated.●

#### HONORING RUTH ZIOLKOWSKI ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish today to recognize and honor Ruth Ziolkowski on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Ruth Ziolkowski deserves great recognition for her dedication to the establishment of the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation. She is the president of the board of directors and chief executive officer of the foundation, which is a nonprofit educational and cultural project established in 1949. Ruth assumed leadership of the project after the 1982 death of her husband, Crazy Horse sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski. Work on the memorial is now a family endeavor, with many of Ziolkowski's five sons and five daughters working as a team to advance the project.

Native American leaders chose the figure of Crazy Horse for his devotion to serving his people and preserving their culture. He was known not only for his skill in battle but also for his loyalty to his people. Ruth Ziolkowski, in many ways, reflects his character.

When completed, the Crazy Horse Memorial will be the world's largest sculpture. In 1998, the completion of the face of Crazy Horse made it the world's largest single sculpted portrait. However, the goals of the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation go beyond completion of the physical structure. The foundation works for reconciliation and harmony between races, and provides services such as the Crazy Horse Memorial Native American Scholarship Program, which assists students from the nine South Dakota reservations.

Ruth Ziolkowski holds honorary doctorate degrees from South Dakota

School of Mines and Technology and the University of South Dakota. In 1997, she received the Free Spirit Award from the Freedom Forum, which is a nonpartisan, international foundation dedicated to free press, free speech, and free spirit. In addition, Korczak and Ruth Ziolkowski have been accepted into the Hall of Fame of Sales and Marketing Executives International, Inc.

On June 26, 2006, Ruth Ziolkowski's 80th birthday, there are plans to bring the mountain alive with Legends in Light, a multimedia laserlight show that tells the story of Native Americans and their contributions throughout the centuries. The celebration's magnitude can only strive to match the vast contributions the Ziolkowski family have made to ensuring that the dream behind the Crazy Horse memorial comes true.

Mr. President, I wish to publicly recognize Ruth Ziolkowski's achievements, and wish her the best on this special occasion.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE CIARLO

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor the significant accomplishments of Cranston School Superintendent Catherine Ciarlo. Superintendent Ciarlo is retiring on June 30 after 46 years of working tirelessly to educate and raise the academic achievement of Rhode Island's students.

After graduating cum laude from Rhode Island College with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, Catherine entered the classroom as a reading teacher the beginning of her lifelong commitment to developing and improving the literacy skills of Rhode Island's children.

Horace Mann, considered by many historians to be the father of modern American education, once said, "Teachers teach because they care. Teaching young people is what they do best. It requires long hours, patience, and care." Superintendent Ciarlo consistently exhibited all of these qualities, devoting her life to leading the Cranston school system to new scholastic heights and maintaining a steady focus on providing her students with a high-quality, first-class education.

Catherine was appointed superintendent of Cranston Public Schools in 1997. During her tenure, she has helped foster a strong community of learning for all Cranston students. A potent symbol of her successful efforts as Cranston superintendent is the district's most current State report card where it met or exceeded proficiency targets in math and literacy across all grades and racial subgroups, and for both ESL students and those with disabilities. These scores are also an emblem of what is likely to be Catherine's most enduring legacy her passionate dedication for ensuring that students whom traditionally might have gotten

lost in the shuffle were given the necessary support to enable them to thrive academically.

Superintendent Ciarlo's contributions have been recognized in the past, most notably in 2005, when she was named Rhode Island's Superintendent of the Year and as a finalist for National Superintendent of the Year. Countless students owe their academic and professional success and achievements to Superintendent Ciarlo's efforts. Educators such as Catherine form the backbone of American society, providing our children with the essential tools to succeed in an ever-expanding global economy and keeping the United States competitive in the world.

I have a special place in my heart for the Cranston School System. For many years my father worked there, ultimately as the supervisor of custodians. He would be very proud of "his system" under the expert leadership of Catherine Ciarlo. So am I.

Thank you for your exemplary service, Catherine, and for your important contribution to the education of Rhode Island's students.

#### CONGRATULATING THE AGRICULTURE FUTURE OF AMERICA ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Agriculture Future of America, AFA, on its 10-year anniversary. AFA was founded by R. Crosby Kemper, Jr., to encourage and support college students who are preparing for careers in agriculture.

AFA is forming the future of agriculture by preparing the industry's future leaders today. This organization more than any other I know of gives young professionals access to industry leaders and training from professional corporate consultants while they are still in college. In just 10 years, the organization and its members have established an outstanding reputation in the agriculture industry. AFA members can be found in respected positions throughout agriculture and the business world. They are recognized by companies as reliable, effective leaders who can meet the challenges posed by an ever-changing economy.

R. Crosby Kemper, Jr., recognizes the potential of college students coming from rural America especially when coupled with opportunity they otherwise might not have. Mr. Kemper founded AFA with the vision to create an organization that would catalyze further development of these young adults on a professional level. As I travel around Missouri and to other areas, I see that our farmers are aging. We need effective young professionals to be prepared to take over the reins. AFA creates a professional network that respects individuals and promotes lifelong learning as well as building of lifelong alliances.